

To plead means to ask for something with deep emotion, give an official answer in a court of law, or offer an excuse.

Legal Meaning

- Guilty or Not Guilty: A person charged with a crime goes to court to say if they did it or not.
- The Fifth Amendment: In the U.S., a person can "plead the fifth" to stay quiet so they do not say something that hurts their own case.
- Legal Defense: A lawyer can use facts or a condition, like sickness, to support their case.

Everyday Meaning

- Begging: To ask someone for help or mercy in a very sad or strong way.
- Asking: To try hard to make someone change their mind.